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# GAMEDAY KAIMIN

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# PLAYOFFS, GREAT DIVIDE TROPHY UP FOR GRABS IN 114TH BRAWL OF THE WILD

**Andy Bixler**  
Montana Kaimin

Each year, the Grizzly football team sets four goals.

The goals are hard for

players to miss — they're plastered all over the locker areas, including on the double-doors that lead into the tunnel. Get a UM degree, win a national championship,

win the Big Sky Conference and beat Montana State.

They'll try to knock one of those goals off Saturday, when they'll meet the Bobcats at Washington-Grizzly

Stadium for the 114th meeting between the two teams. Kickoff is 3 p.m.

"This game has a lot of meaning to it," said UM head coach Mick Delaney. "It always does no matter what, but it has a little more of an edge right now."

Part of the reason for that edge is recent history. The visiting team has won the Brawl of the Wild for the last five years. Four of those

games have helped decide the Big Sky regular-season championship.

This year will be no different. Many, including Delaney, consider it to be a play-in game for an at-large bid into the FCS playoffs. The Bobcats are tied with Eastern Washington for the Big Sky lead at 6-1 in conference, with Montana right behind at 5-2.

Montana State got to that shiny 6-1 record in large part

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**BRAWL**  
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thanks to the emergence of quarterback Dakota Prukop. The sophomore averages 227.9 yards per game with 17 touchdowns, and is MSU's leading rusher with 13 touchdowns.

The only problem? He might not play.

Prukop is listed as questionable after hurting his knee two weeks ago, and sat out MSU's win against Idaho State last weekend. In his place against the Bengals was junior Jake Bleskin, who threw for 301 yards and two touchdowns in the Bobcats' 44-39 win.

"(Bleskin's) a good football player," Delaney said. "He does the things the right way, he's very dedicated to the game ... it's not like they're bringing in Joe the Rag Man to play quarterback."

Montana defensive end Zack Wagenmann said his defense is preparing for Prukop, and worrying less about whether he will play and more about the Bobcats' rushing attack, which is ranked No. 3 in the Big Sky at 248.4 yards per game.

"We know they have some playmakers that may or may not play, so we're just going to prepare like they are going to play," Wagenmann, who has 10.5 sacks in 2014, said. "It's an offense that'll test your eyes and test your discipline."

Discipline is something the Grizzlies' defense has in spades. The Big Sky's No. 1 total defense is allowing 357 yards per game, and has only given up 20 touchdowns all season. The next best squad, North Dakota, has allowed 26. The Grizzlies have also

recorded 34 total sacks this season, 10.5 of which have come from Wagenmann, who only needs one more to break Tim Bush's school record of 32.5.

But where the defense has flourished, the offense has floundered. The Grizzlies average 27.6 points per game, and have only managed 3,180 yards of total offense this season, 1,375 less than Montana State, good for just 10th in the conference.

Their offensive philosophy is based on the running game, and when that hasn't gone well, the Grizzlies suffered.

All four of Montana's losses have come when the Griz have failed to rush for more than 100 yards as a team. And at times when the ground game has faltered, the Grizzlies have relied on senior quarterback Jordan Johnson to throw them out of trouble. The Grizzlies offense puts up over 200 yards per game through the air.

The Montana State defense isn't as statistically sound as Montana's (they give up nearly 477 yards per game), but that doesn't mean it's any less of a concern for Johnson and his offense.

"They fly around, they have a ton of athletic guys on defense," Johnson said. "It'll be a test for us."

Johnson is also questionable to play due to an ankle injury he re-aggravated in last week's 35-17 win over Southern Utah. He said his ankle was "real sore," but that he intended to make every effort to play Saturday.

It's Griz-Cat, after all.

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## #10 JORDAN JOHNSON

### 2014 SEASON NUMBERS:

#### PASSING YARDS BY GAME:

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EFFICIENCY: **132.26**

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### CAREER PERFORMANCE:

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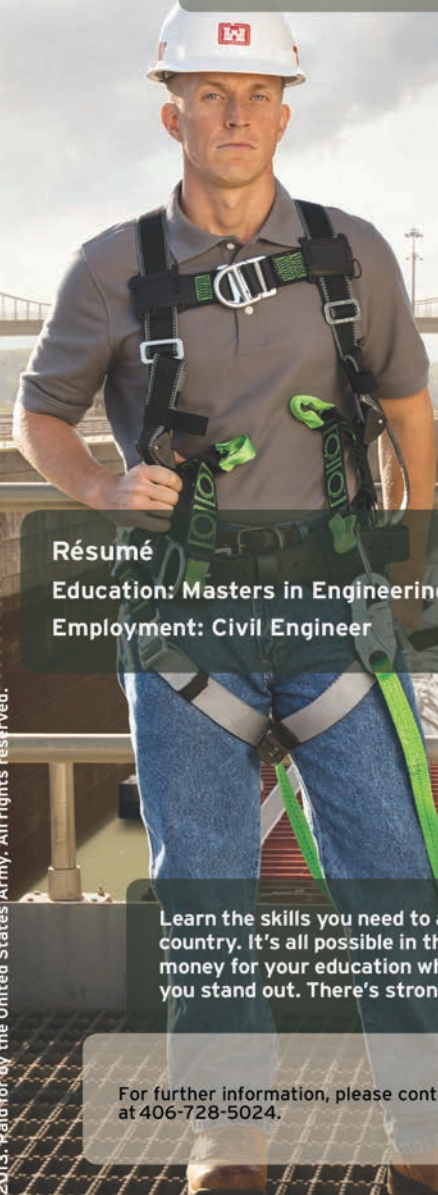
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BRIAN AH YAT ('95-'98)	9,315 - 2nd OVERALL
GRADY BENNETT ('88-'90)	7,778 - 3rd OVERALL
JORDAN JOHNSON ('11-'12, '14)	5,831 - 9th OVERALL

#### RECORD: TOUCHDOWN PASSES, SINGLE GAME

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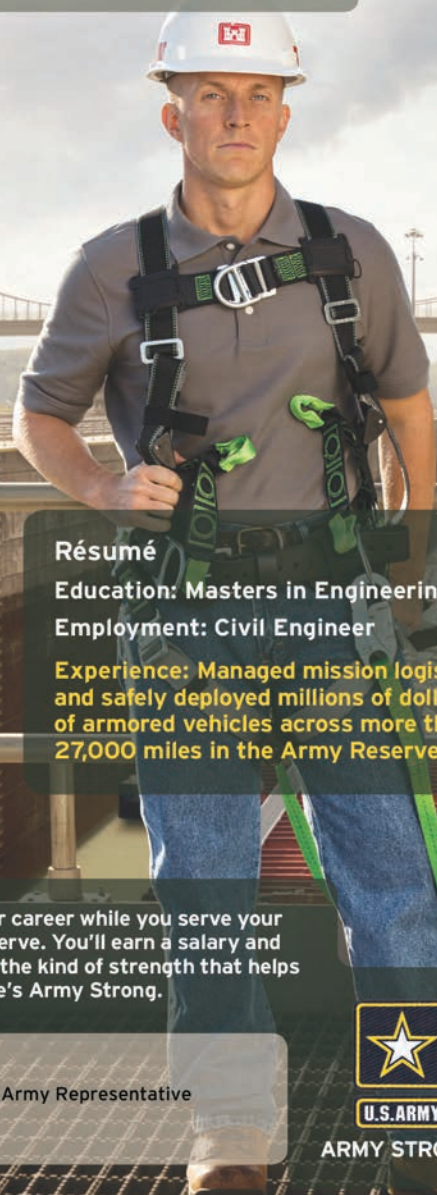
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# SENIOR SAYLOR SEEKS TO SINK CATS

**Seaborn Larson**  
Montana Kaimin

College football rivalry games come with plenty of hype. But with a final post season on the line for 16 University of Montana Grizzly seniors and their departing head coach, the 114th Griz-Cat game is bursting with energy.

Just ask Vancouver, Wash., native and Grizzly tight end Mitch Saylor, who loves the game, but hates the players.

"I love it, and I hate the Bobcats

as much as anyone else can," Saylor said. "I'm sure there's some people that say, 'You don't completely understand,' but I do and I hate them."

Saylor has been a veteran for the Grizzlies since he was a sophomore. He shrugged his rookie status in 2012, starting in nine games and finishing with 22 catches. But that was at wide receiver, which he said feels like a lifetime ago.

This year, he has four touchdowns and 257 yards

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Tight end Mitch Saylor scores a touchdown against Sacramento State in Montana's 31-13 homecoming victory.

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**SAYLOR**  
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receiving.

Saylor's been a clutch option on third and fourth downs since head coach Mick Delaney took the helm of the Griz, and now they'll be leaving collegiate football at the same time. Whether that's this weekend or in the playoffs.

"I love that young man,"

Delaney said. "You always hope that the senior season will be the best in that player's career. He would be a perfect example of that situation."

Saylor may have felt like an outsider as a receiver, often out on injury. When he was healthy, he was competing for playing time against players like Chase Naccarato and Ellis Henderson. After the release of starting end Jordan Harper, Saylor put on about 10 pounds and converted to tight end to blend into the Delaney pro set offense in 2014.

His size, ability and strength are key, said Montana tight end coach Ross Brunelle.

"He had to block skinny guys at DB and corner," Brunelle said. "He's adapted to learning how to block defensive ends and I think it's helped him to be more physical."

Even in Montana's 36-26 loss to Eastern Washington, he was able to grab 66 yards on five catches. In Montana's 31-13 win over Sacramento State, he had three catches for 18 yards and one touchdown. And at UC Davis, he brought down a touchdown on third and goal for the 21-14 lead en route to another Montana win.

The senior has learned the position side-by-side with redshirt freshman tight end Mike Ralston, who's 10 pounds heavier and a half-inch taller than Saylor, important numbers in the tight end game.

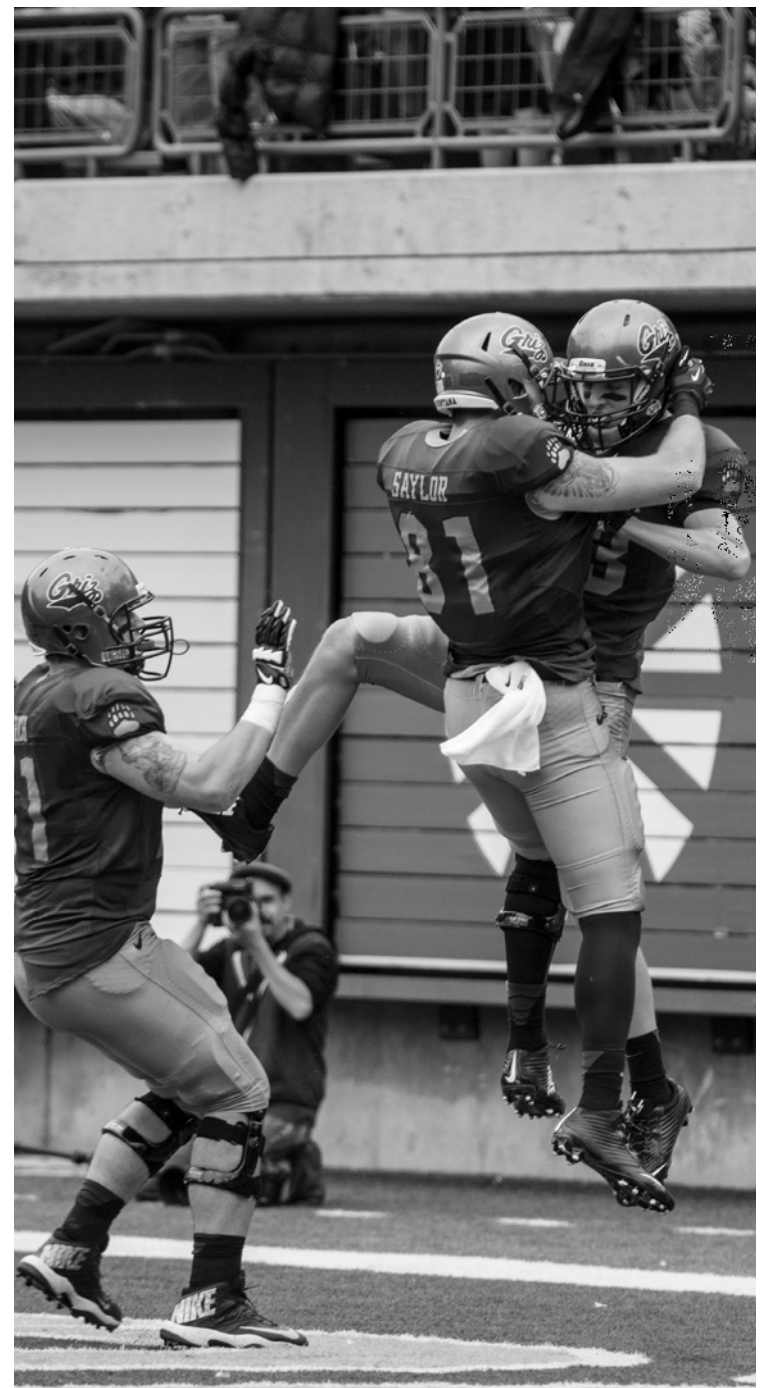
Ralston plays the traditional "Y" tight end, because he's big enough to block the opposing line. Saylor, at the "H" tight end spot, is better for running routes and can still check the defense at the line of scrimmage.

"I've seen it every day in my meeting rooms," Brunelle said. "He has taken that leadership role in the meetings and Mike's come a long way because of Mitch."

Four years ago, when Saylor was the rookie, Montana went 7-4 and the season ended with the Griz-Cat game at Washington-Grizzly Stadium. He didn't get to play in last year's rivalry game because of injuries. He knows the weight of this last regular-season week, and he's just trying to enjoy the work.

"The biggest thing for me was just getting this last run with the guys I came in with," Saylor said. "I've been with these guys pretty much every day for the last four and a half years and it's exciting to see what we can do now."

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# FORMER GRIZ LOOK BACK ON BRAWL OF THE WILD

## Kolby Kickingwoman

For the Montana Kaimin

Montana is ready for a showdown, and it'll get one Saturday, when the 114th Brawl of the Wild kicks off in Missoula.

Since the inaugural game in November 1897, the Grizzlies lead the series over the Bobcats 71-37-5. The rivalry is something that brings the state together, even if it's split between teams.

"We have no pro sports team, when it comes to that time, the state turns blue and gold or maroon and silver," said Ryan Fetherston, former Grizzly defensive end and bearer of the No. 37 jersey.

"You choose a side, there is no in between."

It's the fourth-oldest active FCS rivalry game, and while it might not garner national attention, former Montana quarterback Cole Bergquist thinks the game ranks among the best in sports.

"There's bigger games, there are stadiums that hold more people and definitely higher televised games and things like that," said Bergquist, who played quarterback for the Griz from 2005-08. "But the passion that goes into this and the nerves that are flowing before each game, I can't imagine there is anything better than that."

With the stakes that high,

the game leads to high emotions on both sides of the Great Divide. For former quarterback John Edwards, who led the Grizzlies to their last National Championship in 2001, wins over the Bobcats are his favorite memories.

"It sure as hell wasn't the one that I lost," Edwards said of breaking UM's 16-game win streak over MSU. "It was the two that I won before, but certainly that's sport and that's life."

Fetherston, who is now a football coach at Carroll College and a teacher at Clancy Middle School, said bringing the Great Divide Trophy back from Bozeman is among his favorite Griz-Cat memories.

"When they were No. 1 in the nation and we went into their home place, my senior year, and beat them 36-10, was probably the most memorable," Fetherston said.

Running out of the tunnel in the throwback jerseys is Bergquist's favorite moment. A touchdown celebration with former Griz wide receiver Marc Mariani stands out as well.

"We ran an audible on a fourth-and-short, saw that he was man-to-man and we threw a fade route," Bergquist recalled, "he caught it in the endzone, ended up spraining his ankle and we all went and celebrated him while he was on the ground, he couldn't

even get up."

The Brawl of the Wild has always had statewide importance, but Edwards believes MSU's resurgence over the past decade has made the rivalry that much more fun to watch.

With Montana 5-2 in the BSC and Montana State 6-1, the game could decide which team makes the playoffs and which team sees its season come to a close.

"To typically see both teams ranked in the top ten, and certainly the top fifteen, I think the state of Montana takes a lot of pride in that," Edwards said.

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# LAST CALL: SENIOR TONGA TAKAI MIGHT HAVE ONE FINAL SHOT TO MAKE THE NFL OR HEAD HOME

**Andy Bixler**  
Montana Kaimin

Casual fans don't always notice Tonga Takai.

The redshirt senior defensive tackle's stats aren't remarkable, and he doesn't have long, eye-catching hair like Zack Wagenmann or Jeremiah Kose. He's big — 6-foot-2 — and the only member of the team over 300 pounds. Yet fans don't always talk about him like they do Wagenmann.

"He prefers it that way,"

Wagenmann said. "He's a quiet, thoughtful guy — he doesn't seek out the spotlight."

But ask any of Takai's coaches, or his teammates, and they'll tell you the same thing: Nobody on the Big Sky Conference's top defense is as irreplaceable as Tonga Takai.

"He's the senior leader," said head coach Mick Delaney. "Him and Trevor Rehm and (Wagenmann) are the guys on that front line, but everyone looks to Tonga."

His influence manifests itself all around the Grizzlies' defense. He mentors younger players off the field and teaches them schemes.

Even the coaches rely on Takai. Before a press conference, someone made an offhand comment to Delaney about getting to practice early after the Griz got in late from an away game. Delaney laughed. He said it didn't matter whether he showed up, as long as Takai was there.

Takai came into the season

with expectations as broad as his shoulders. He was named co-captain of the defense along with Wagenmann and much was made about the weight he lost over the off-season in an attempt to become more agile.

He was a preseason All-American and tabbed a First Team all conference.

"I didn't ignore it. I was honored to be included in those lists," said Takai. "I try not to think about the awards until after the season, but if I'm honest, I want to be first-team, I want to be an All-American, because that means I've done the best I can."

Takai has 39 tackles and is fourth on the team with 2.5 sacks. He's forced one fumble, and recorded five tackles-for-loss.

While his stats might not be eye-popping, his contribution lies beyond box scores. He makes sure the line is in position and plugs the biggest holes the opposing offense is trying to create. A quiet guy off the field, he screams in huddles, trying to

will others to achieve what he can't on his own.

Nobody knows that better than Wagenmann who, in addition to being co-captains with Takai, also lives with him in an apartment that probably suffers from an overabundance of food and a shortage of legroom.

"He doesn't jump out at you on the stat sheet, but what he does in the middle of the defense is invaluable," Wagenmann said. "It starts from the ground up, and in this case, Tonga is a big old strip of linoleum."

The two are the most senior members of the defense and have had a year to remember. Their defense is ranked No. 1 in the BSC in yards per play (5.2), touchdowns allowed (26) and scoring (21.5 points per game).

"I'm happy with the way we've played," Takai said. "Obviously, there are some things that haven't gone our way, some games we would like to have back, but overall, I've been proud of us."

After he graduates, Takai's goal is to be a police officer.

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**TAKAI**  
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goal is to be a police officer. He hopes a degree in sociology will get him there once he graduates in January

"I've just always been fascinated by law enforcement, ever since I was a little kid," Takai said.

But first, he wants to give professional football a try. Last year, five Grizzlies were given a shot at the NFL, and two of them, Brock Coyle and Jordan Tripp, made regular-season rosters.

Takai, NFL scouts say, is capable of joining them. He's drawn interest from several NFL teams and agents and had a meeting with Delaney at the beginning of the season to discuss making professional football a reality.

"I told him I had spoken with agents and scouts, and they were interested in him, so he needed to make an impression on them," Delaney said.

For his part, Takai is honest about what he wants out of football. Often, athletes give canned answers about

not looking too far ahead, and instead focusing on what's right in front of them. "One day at a time" is a cliché

Takai thinks about the NFL, about his career ending and about games further down the line.

"It's something that I've always thought about," he said. "I've got this massive body, so I knew it was a possibility, if I worked hard, I could make it."

He's talked to Tripp and Coyle, each of whom has encouraged him to keep working toward the League.

But before that, there's this. Montana is fighting for its playoff life, and a loss today to Montana State could bring an end to Takai's college career a bit sooner than he would like.

"It's weird, kind of scary that I could be playing my last-ever football game this week," he said. "But if that's what happens, it's what happens. We have a saying in football, for when someone gets injured, and I try to apply it to my life: Next up."

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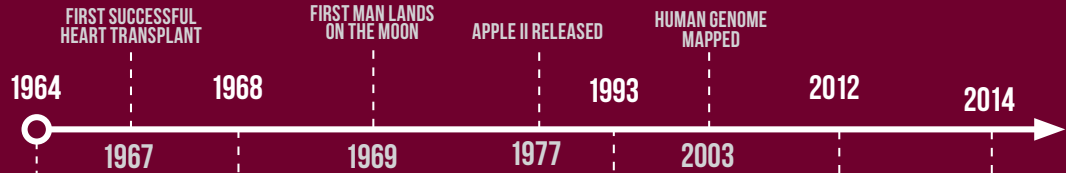


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Jordan Johnson, Zack Wagenmann, and Tonga Takai lead the Grizzlies onto the field.

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#4 Nate Hanser, Utility, Broadview, Mont.  
#5 Chase Naccarato, Wide Receiver, Spokane, Wash.  
#5 Daniel Sullivan, Kicker, Mill Creek, Wash.  
#6 Tyrel Garner, Cornerback, Henderson, Nev.  
#6 Jamaal Jones, Wide Receiver, Spanaway, Wash.  
#7 Ellis Henderson, Wide Receiver/Returner, Portland, Ore.  
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\$300 level spots cost:  
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and  
**\$300** for an RV spot.

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the East Side

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## ON THE COVER:

Junior offensive lineman Alex Eekhoff  
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Dakota Prukop on Sept. 13.

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SIGNIFICANT BOBCAT VICTORIES

1929 | 14-12 at Butte

The Bobcats built a two-point lead thanks to a receiving and rushing touchdown from Max Worthington. Operating on the Bobcat 18-yard yard line for the final play of the game, Griz quarterback Jim Morrow passed to Tom Moore, who was tackled at the five-yard line. The Bobcats snapped a 20-year winless streak.

1947 | 13-12 at Butte

Trailing 13-6 in the fourth quarter, Griz QB Pierre Roberts hit Dan Radakovich for a TD. However, the following PAT was missed, as the Grizzlies missed both PAT's that day. The Bobcats held on and snapped a 10-game losing streak.

1961 | 10-9 at Bozeman

The Grizzlies took a 9-0 lead into the fourth quarter. The Bobcats responded with 10 unanswered points, culminating in a seven-yard TD pass from Bill Mulcahy to Bill Cords with 4:50 left to win the game.

1967 | 14-8 at Bozeman

The Bobcats started strong out of the gate, taking a 14-0 lead into halftime. The Grizzlies answered with eight points and in the fourth quarter had the ball at the Bobcat two-yard line. The Grizzlies went for it, but QB Ed Steiner was stopped short of the goal. Don Hass had 209 yards rushing for the Bobcats.

1968 | 29-24 at Missoula

The Grizzlies led the Bobcats 24-9 with eight minutes left in the game. The Bobcats answered quickly with touchdowns from running back Paul Schafer and QB Dennis Erickson. Trailing 22-24, Schafer scored on a 1-yard TD run with 12 seconds left. Schafer had 234 yards rushing and Erickson had 282 yards passing.

1984 | 34-24 at Missoula

The eventual national champion Bobcats trailed the Grizzlies 24-12 at the half. The Cats would respond by scoring 22 unanswered points in the last Cat-Griz game at Dornblaser Field. Cat QB Kelly Bradley and Griz QB Marty Mornhinweg each threw over 350 yards of passing. Cats TE Joe Bignell finished with 13 receptions for 179 yards.

2002 | 10-7 at Missoula

Operating with a 3-0 lead, Bobcat QB Travis Lulay hit WR Junior Adams for a 53-yard TD pass. The Grizzlies responded with a 1-yard TD run from David Gober. However, the Cats held Griz QB John Edwards to eight passing completions as they defeated the Griz for the first time since 1984, ending "The Streak" at 16.

2003 | 27-20 at Bozeman

Despite outgaining the Bobcats in yards 193-43, the Grizzlies trailed 10-13 at the half thanks to Cory Smith's opening kickoff touchdown return and Kenneth Qualls' pick 6. The Cats would build a 27-10 lead, but the Grizzlies cut the lead to seven and received the ball with two minutes left but were unable to score.

2010 | 21-16 at Missoula

After the first five possessions of the game ended in touchdowns, the only remaining points of the game came after a bad punt snap rolled into the back of the end zone for a safety. The Grizzlies fumbled the ball twice inside the Bobcats' 5-yard line. A last second desperation pass was intercepted just short of the end zone as the Cats held on for the victory.

SIGNIFICANT GRIZZLY VICTORIES

1922 | 7-6 at Missoula

With the Grizzlies trailing 6-0, RB Joe Kerschner ran for a two yard TD on the final play of the game. The Bobcat timekeeper insisted time had expired before the play, the Grizzly timekeeper indicated he had five seconds left on his watch. The Griz were awarded the victory. Frustrated Bobcat coach Ott Romney would later say, "In the eyes of God and in 60 minutes of play, we won that game."

1941 | 23-13 at Butte

After the Bobcats opened the game with two touchdowns, the Grizzlies scored 23 unanswered points, 16 in the fourth quarter, en route to a 23-13 victory. The Grizzlies finished with 458 yards rushing. Both teams fielded players who would later lose their lives fighting in World War II.

1954 | 25-21 at Missoula

The Bobcats led 14-6 but gave up two touchdowns, one that resulted from a fumble on the Bobcat 20-yard line, to end the first half. The Grizzlies led 25-14 with three minutes remaining, but Jim Posewitz of the Cats returned an interception for a touchdown. The Cats got to the Griz 32 but failed to score.

1969 | 7-6 at Bozeman

Thanks to a 49-yard TD pass Grizzly QB Ray Blum to Arnie Blancas, the Griz clung to a one point lead in the fourth quarter. The Bobcats drove to the Grizzlies two but fumbled. With 25 seconds left the Cats attempted a game-winning field goal from 42 yards. The field goal sailed wide right, and Griz coach Jack Swarhout finally beat the Cats after two heartbreaking defeats.

1995 | 42-33 at Bozeman

The Grizzlies, who would later go on to win their first National Championship, trailed the Bobcats 25-20 in the fourth quarter. Griz QB Dave Dickenson answered with three touchdowns, one on the ground and two through the air, to win the game. Dickenson finished with 384 yards passing, and Grizzly wide receiver Joe Douglass had 200 yards receiving.

1997 | 27-25 at Bozeman

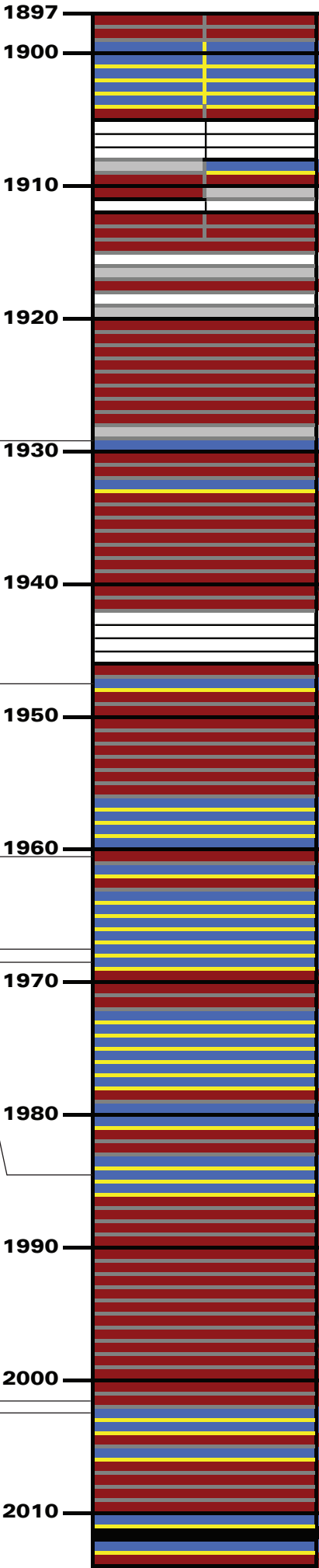
"The Kick". The Bobcats seemed to have ended "The Streak" on Eric Kinnaman's go-ahead TD run with 22 seconds left. Leading by one point, the Cats' kickoff sailed out of bounds, putting the Grizzlies at their 35. Griz QB Brian Ah Yat hit WR Justin Olsen for a 46-yard pass to the Bobcat 19-yard line. With four seconds left, Grizzly kicker Kris Heppner nailed a 37-yard field goal to win the game.

1998 | 28-21 at Missoula

The Bobcats and the Grizzlies battled with the conference title on the line. The Bobcats were on their own 20-yard line, with a 21-20 lead, when the center to quarterback snap was fumbled and recovered by the Griz, who would go on to score. Griz QB Brian Ah Yat accounted for all four Grizzly touchdowns.

2013 | 28-14 at Bozeman

Trailing 7-0, Griz QB Jordan Johnson ran for 15 yards on third-and-14 and converted a fourth-and-3 through the air, setting up the equalizing TD from RB Jordan Canada at the half. The Griz then took a 21-7 lead through scores from RB Travon Van and TE Clay Pierson. The Cats responded with a TD run from Shawn Johnson, who accounted for all Bobcat scores. The Griz sealed the deal with another Canada TD.



Tied Game No Game Played Game Vacated

Bobcat Victory Grizzly Victory



## OPINION

# Anatomy of a Rivalry

I remember it as if it were yesterday. Freshman year in high school, our basketball team stopped for a snack at the Town Pump in Shelby, Montana. Near the check-out counter was a collection of giant water mugs adorned in the colors of the Bobcats and the Grizzlies. I counted roughly two Bobcat mugs and 20 Grizzly mugs. My head coach (an unabashed Grizzly fan) took a Grizzly mug, looked at me, smiled and said, "Will, why do you think there are so many Grizzly mugs and so few Bobcat mugs?" A confident version of myself would have calmly looked him in the eye and said, "Well, the Bobcat mugs have sold so quickly (which of course wasn't true) that the only mugs available are the ones people don't want." Instead, my response was an assorted collection of "Uh," "Um" and "Cranberries."

Such is the life of Bobcat fans that grew up during "The Streak." As Dave Dickenson, John Edwards, Don Read and Joe Glenn were busy racking up both conference and national titles, the Bobcats were relegated to the shadow of their in-state rivals. It wasn't always this way.

From 1956 to 1985 the Bobcats were the dominant team in the state, going 22-8 in Cat/Griz matchups, winning three National Championships in the process. However, in 1986, the Grizzlies hired Don Read, finished construction on Washington-Grizzly Stadium and the rest was history. It would take 16 years before the Bobcats would be victorious against the Griz again. In that time the Grizzlies won eight conference championships and two National Championships, and the Bobcats would win neither.

As a result of the losing and the schoolyard taunting that came with it, some Bobcat fans (except the normal ones), have developed an uneasy relationship with this rivalry. It's why Cat/Griz fills us with as much dread as it does excitement, it's why we cling to every victory no matter how small (ping-pong champions!) and it's (probably) why the predominant cheer amongst some Bobcat students is the classless, yet catchy "Eat [expletive] Grizzlies, Go Cats Go!" over the classic yet timeless "Poooooor Grizzlies."

This rivalry can put families and friendships under a unique kind of pressure when late November rolls around. Some split families can watch the games together. Others have to separate themselves into little bunkers suitable for the Cuban Missile Crisis. I was once in a relationship in high school with a Grizzly fan. I went to Bozeman, she went to Missoula, we're no longer together. Coincidence? Yes, coincidence. But still, Cat/Griz is responsible for dividing this state . . . which why it's the most important game of the year.

For a state with no professional sports teams to call their own — the closest professional team is in Calgary — Cat/Griz brings about a passion that, in Montana, cannot be awoken by any other team or game. There are no easy geographical or class divisions. Plenty of Bobcat fans reside west of the continental divide in so-called Grizzly territory. Plenty of Montana farmers, despite the fact that

Montana State is the only university of the two to offer a degree in agriculture, are Grizzly fans. The enemy is your town, next door, or worse, in your household. This makes it all the more fun. When the Grizzlies were being courted



**WILL  
HAMEL**  
Staff Writer

by the floundering Western Athletic Conference in 2010, some Bobcat fans feared the Griz would leave the second-level FCS division in favor of the first-level, greater revenue (and greater cost) FBS. There were two reasons for this fear. First, any victory by the Bobcats in the FCS would always come with the bitter stigma of "Well, you only won because you didn't play the Grizzlies." Second, despite the lopsided rivalry record (Griz lead 70-37-5), despite "The Streak" and despite

the number of Grizzly water mugs vs. Bobcat water mugs at truck stops, few universities benefit from having a game that generates interest in the non-sports fan. In this way, the relationship between the two can be oddly symbiotic.

It's true the two universities could probably get by without each other. After all, North Dakota State has prospered without their Nickel Trophy rivalry with North Dakota. However, in my humble and often incorrect opinion, the Cats and Griz make themselves better as they continue to look over their shoulders to spot the progress of their in-state rival. In an added bonus, should a season develop into a lost cause, no other game can offer redemption.

When the Bobcats won only one game during the 1983 season, that season was considered somewhat of a success for the sole reason that that one win came against, you guessed it, the University of Montana Grizzlies. In 2011, when the Bobcats won double-digit regular season games for the first time since their 1984 National Championship, the pride and joy from that accomplishment was instantly snapped away when the Grizzlies marched into Bobcat Stadium and won 36-10. How many other universities can seemingly make or break their season, despite their previous successes and/or failures, on the outcome of just one game?

So, as the Cats and the Griz take the field for the 114th meeting this Saturday, the typical clichéd, yet entirely accurate year-long bragging rights will be on the line. Playoff implications certainly make it sweeter, and it's nice when the Big Sky Conference championship waits on the state of Montana to decide its king. But even if both teams were winless, this game would still mean nearly as much.

By the way, when people ask me, "What would it take for you to finally cheer for the Grizzlies?" My answer is always the same. First, the Grizzlies must be guaranteed to only win two to four games that year. Second, the Grizzlies must be playing a conference opponent that the Bobcats need to lose. Finally, and most importantly, I have to be married to Jennifer Lawrence. Only then, if all three criteria are met, will I consider cheering for the University of Montana Grizzlies. If you lived through the losing end of "The Streak", you'll understand.

## NEWS

## Can the Griz enters 15th year

SETH URICK

This year marks the 15th year that MSU has participated in Can the Griz, an annual competition between MSU and the University of Montana (UM) that determines which community can collect the most donations for their local food bank. This year the competition's slogan is, "Help us Can the Griz, Again!"

In 2013, MSU defeated UM by raising a record 100,937 pounds of food and approximately \$46,445.38 for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank. Laurynn Olson, program director for the Office of Activities and Engagement, said that Can the Griz's goal this year is to raise \$100,000 and 100,000 pounds of food.

Local businesses, along with businesses from as far away as Great Falls and Whitefish, have joined to help with Can the Griz. Olson is happy with the support provided for Can the Griz but added that the Bozeman community can always improve their efforts to help the local food bank.

Each month the Gallatin Valley Food Bank serves an average of 1,205 households in the cities of Bozeman and Belgrade. Last year the food bank distributed nearly two million pounds of food to families. Olson said that if every member of the Bozeman community could donate at least one can to Can the Griz, it would go a long ways towards helping the food bank feed those in need.

Can the Griz concludes on the day of the Cat/Griz football game, Nov. 22, where the winner of the competition will be announced. For many involved, Can the Griz is a matter of school pride. Olson said that Missoula is stepping up their efforts to beat MSU this year, a possible outcome she acknowledged. However, she was also happy to point out that since the competition began "we've [MSU] won 13 out of 14 times."

Collection sites for donations to Can the Griz can be found in grocery stores and other businesses in Bozeman and Belgrade, including Albertsons, Town and Country and Safeway. Additionally, anyone can donate money via credit or debit card by texting the word CAN to the number 41444.



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# No bad blood in donation rivalry

SETH URICK

ASMSU has been hosting the local Red Cross blood drive on campus for the past 10 years. Much like Can the Griz, the blood drive is held as a competition between MSU and the University of Montana (UM) to benefit both communities. Last year the annual event ended in MSU's favor.

This year the drive took place on Nov. 12 and 13. It was primarily organized and ran by members of the Red Cross organization, along with assistance from MSU Facilities and student volunteers from many campus organizations, ranging from ASMSU itself to the cheer squad in past years. "Everybody has been really supportive of it," said Heather Jex, donor recruitment representative at the local Red Cross. She added that she was pleased with the promotion the event received around campus.

Jex said that the event was well attended. "We had a ton of students. They were very willing." Most of those who gave blood were students, she said, along with some staff members.

The first day of the blood drive saw problems however. The recently added wireless network on campus interfered with the Red Cross's own internet activity. Because of this, they had to shut down earlier than expected and were not able to collect as much blood. However the second day of the drive went well, with over 81 donors showing up to give blood.

Jordan Garceau, ASMSU vice-president, has worked closely with the Red Cross to help them with organizing the blood drive on MSU's campus. "I am very proud to have a partnership with Red Cross and have no plans of discontinuing this great opportunity for students to give back," she said.

The Red Cross will be organizing another blood drive on Jan. 21 and 22 of next year. Named the Bridger Bowl Blood Drive, a coupon for an all-day pass at a half-day rate for Bridger Bowl Ski Area will be given out to everyone who donates blood. More information can be found at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).



During each home game, Spirit of the West marches through the tailgating areas.

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## Spirit of the West: 108 years of vim

DAVIS CONNELLEY

College football is filled with many traditions but perhaps none are as noticeable and unique as marching bands. Marching bands bring an atmosphere to the games unmatched by professional football, tying in school colors and fight songs with impressive displays of precision and skill. From Gainesville to Berkeley and everywhere in between, marching bands are a campus staple.

Montana State University's Spirit of the West marching band dates back to 1906, just 13 years after the college itself was established. Throughout the past century, the Spirit of the West has represented the blue and gold.

Dr. Nathan Stark, the director of bands at MSU, is responsible for the organization, rehearsal, selecting the music and designing the show. He doesn't do it alone though. Also helping him are an assistant director as well as drum majors and section leaders. "The marching band brings a ton of things to the school and the community," Stark said. "One of the

unique things about college sports, especially football, is a marching band. We feel that the pageantry and the enthusiasm of the band brings an element of camaraderie and community."

Stark earnestly stresses the virtues of marching bands, both on and off the field. He points out that the band doesn't just provide entertainment on game day but gives members a chance to be creative and improve musically. "[In addition to] working on musical skills, we also offer some tuition assistance to our members. Really, we've got one foot in music and one in athletics," Stark elaborated.

The tuition assistance has increased from a base of \$500 to \$1,000 over the past four years as part of a push by the Bobcat administration, led by President Cruzado, to effectively double the size of the band. "When the initiative came down from the president's office, we said, 'What are we going to do?' Our first step was to increase the award. It gets people's attention and gets them listening. When we first offered the award back in the 90s, it was \$500. Even though the cost of

going to college had doubled since then, we hadn't increased the assistance at all and we were losing potential members because of it."

"But really, the assistance just gets people's attention. The increase really belongs to the members. The band belongs to the members inside the band. It's all about their connection to the music and the organization. But in order to keep growing as an organization we have to be present — be out and around both in the community and on social media like Facebook and YouTube."

The expansion has been quite a success, Stark happily states. The success has built upon itself and become infectious. "The culture weaves its way in and then you pass it around. It's something you're exposed to as a freshman and you pass it along when you're a senior. This is an energetic, fun loving group of people. I've taught elsewhere — this group is unique, they're up for anything. Today when we practiced it was 12 degrees and they were excited as ever. That's really what sets them apart."





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# Fans gather nationwide for Brawl of the Wild

IAN BREUNER

As one of the largest college football rivalries in the nation, the Cat/Griz football game is a tradition that dates back to 1897. With today's technology, fans from both sides can gather around together and watch the game no matter where they are in the country. These satellite parties are organized through both the Montana State and University of Montana Alumni Associations. Parties themselves have coordinators from both universities that work to gather alumni and fans together and watch the game. These parties happen across the country, and even some in locations outside the United States.

## Wildwood, Florida

Beef 'O' Brady's

Held at the restaurant Beef 'O' Brady's in Wildwood, Florida, this is the seventh annual satellite party hosted by MSU coordinators Steve and Barb Gamradt. They are expecting roughly 50 Bobcat and Grizzly fans split fairly evenly. "We expect lots of trash talking," Steve Gamradt said. Beef 'O' Brady's is a sports restaurant and pub, providing a great way to view the game. "If you love football, these parties are a great time."

## Nashville, Tennessee

The Crow's Nest

With fairly even turnout from both UM and MSU, this party draws 40-50 people every year. Located at The Crow's Nest restaurant in Nashville, Tennessee, this satellite party has been around for over 15 years. UM graduate David Revell has helped coordinate this party for over a decade. "We reserve our own room," Revell said. "It can get to be pretty loud in there."

## West Des Moines, Iowa

Champps Americana

This will be the fourth satellite party in the West Des Moines area Champps Sports Bar and Grill in the Jordan Creek Mall. Coordinated by UM graduate Dave Hill, this party was started as a way to get fellow Montanans together to watch the game. Roughly 30-40 people show up each year. "Fortunately Iowa and Iowa State aren't playing each other that weekend," Hill said. "We will have unrestricted access to the big screen TVs and also possibly a larger turnout."

## Arlington, Virginia

Crystal City Sports Pub

This party brings in Griz and Bobcat fans from all over the Washington D.C. and Virginia areas. The event varies in size every year, but there are usually 300-500 people in attendance. "It is a really energetic crowd," Griz coordinator Ashley Strong said. "Family are friends are welcome to attend."

## Las Vegas, Nevada

Buffalo Wild Wings

Located at Buffalo Wild Wings in Las Vegas, Nevada, this satellite party is the smaller of two parties — the larger held at Torrey Pines Pub with over 200 people — located in the Las Vegas area. This party was created two years ago because the original party was too crowded. Around 125-150 people on average attend this party. "Buffalo Wild Wings is a great place for these parties," MSU Cat Coordinator David Thiel said. "It's family friendly and has great service."

## New York City, New York

The Abbey Tavern

The Abbey Tavern in New York City, hosts this 150-200 person party every year and has that been going on since the early 90s. Sean Steyer, who has helped coordinate the party for the Bobcats, says its a great time: "It is a great place for people from Montana to get together."



# Worst games in Cat/Griz history

WILL HAMEL

The fact that six of the “worst” games on this list belong to Grizzlies victories has nothing to do with the bias of this article’s author. Rather, it’s due to the fact that in the history of Cat/Griz, the Grizzlies have won 14 meetings by at least 30 points. The Bobcats have done so only six times and three of those occurred before 1904.

These games were chosen on a number of criteria, which included score difference, miserable playing conditions and (in the case of 2011) unmet expectations.

## 1904

Missoula, University Field  
**Griz 79 – Cats 0**

Montana Agricultural College, which would later become Montana State College, marched into Missoula with a six game winning streak over the University of Montana “Varsity.” However, in the days before forward passes were allowed, touchdowns were only five points and the scoring team received the following kickoff, the Varsity scored 14 touchdowns en route to a 79-0 victory, the largest defeat in the history of the rivalry.

What adds to the lore behind this game is that the following year, MAC abolished football right before the scheduled 1905 meeting with the Varsity. Could the decision have been due to the 79-point defeat? Possibly. MAC would not play football again until 1908.

## 1959

Bozeman, Gatton Field  
**CATS 40 – GRIZ 6**

After a scoreless first quarter, the Grizzlies were driving into Bobcat territory when Bobcat Jim “The Missile” McLeod picked off a pass and returned more than 80 yards for the touchdown. From there the Cats would score an additional 34 consecutive points, Jim McLeod would score his second touchdown of the day with a 58-yard run. The Grizzlies scored late, preventing

the shutout. Despite the more than 200 yards passing from Griz quarterback John Schulz, the Cats outgained the Griz on the ground 313-15.

## 1966

Missoula, Dornblaser Field  
**Cats 38 – Griz 0**

Action got underway when future NFL Hall of Fame kicker Jan Stenerud made a 38-yard field goal. Don Hass blew the game open with a 55-yard touchdown run. Leading 17-0, the Cats got two special teams touchdowns as Russ Dodge and Gary Popiel returned a kickoff and a punt respectively for touchdowns. Sophomore Bobcat QB Dennis Erickson (who would later coach the University of Miami to two National Championships) tacked on the final score. It was the first time the Grizzlies were shut out since 1928 and the first since 1908 against the Bobcats.

## 1970

Missoula, Dornblaser Field  
**Griz 35 – Cats 0**

The Grizzlies, at the height of the Jack Swarthout era, entered the game with 18 consecutive regular season victories. The Cats entered the game 1-6. After a the first half ended 7-0 in favor of UM, the Grizzlies scored 14 points in both the third and fourth quarter, winning 35-0, and out-gaining the Cats 395-108 in total yards. The Grizzlies would go on to their second consecutive Cameilla Bowl, where similar to the year before, they lost of North Dakota State, due in part to a rule that prohibited the Grizzlies from using junior college transfers for the game.

## 1985

Bozeman, Reno H. Sales Stadium  
**Cats 41 – Griz 18**

The defending national champion Bobcats limped into this game with a 1-6 record, the Griz at 2-4. Trailing 24-10 the Griz mounted a late first half drive that ended when Bobcat Tyler Winter intercepted a pass in the end zone, which eventually sealed the game. The Griz nearly match the Cats

in total yards (434-454) but four Griz turnovers were the difference. The Cats would not beat the Griz again until 2002.

## 1987

Bozeman, Reno H. Sales Stadium  
**Griz 55 – Cats 7**

In Pat Kearney’s “The Divide War,” former Grizzly radio announcer Bill Schwanke noted that before this contest, Grizzly assistant coach (and future head coach) Robin Pflugrad wrote him a message saying, “We will block at least four punts today.” Indeed, the Grizzlies would block four punts that day, two of which were accounted by Griz defender Jason Ray. The Cats did not score until the third quarter, when they trailed 42-0. Griz QB Scott Werbelow threw for 310 yards and four touchdowns. Overall the Griz outgained the Cats 462-159.

## 1989

Bozeman, Reno H. Sales Stadium  
**Griz 17 – Cats 2**

While only a 15-point difference, this game is remembered as having some of the worst weather in Cat/Griz history. With winds up to 40 miles per hour and some lightning and hail to boot, the Cats would take a 2-0 lead when the wind took a Grizzly punt snap into the back of the Griz end zone. The Cats clung to this lead until the Griz scored 17 unanswered points in the fourth quarter. The Griz barely outgained the Cats 192-161.

## 1999

Bozeman, Bobcat Stadium  
**Griz 49 – Cats 3**

While the previous two Cat/Griz games had been exciting, down-to-the-wire ball games, this one was anything but. Griz QB Drew Miller had a field day, throwing for 305 yards and four touchdowns. Griz receivers Jeremy Watkins and Jimmy Farris both totaled more than 100 yards receiving. Freshman Griz QB John Edwards threw a TD pass at the game’s end, a sign of things to come. This would be the final year for Griz coach Mick Dennehy and Cats coach Cliff Hysell.

## 2011

Bozeman, Bobcat Stadium  
**Griz 36 – Cats 10**

With the Cats ranked No. 1 and the Griz at No. 7, this was one of the most anticipated meetings in the rivalry’s history. The day started roughly for the Cats when Jason Cunningham’s opening field goal try hit the uprights. Leading 5-0, the Griz found Kavario Middleton for a fourth-and-goal TD, leading 12-0 at the half’s end. The Cats responded when QB DeNarius McGhee found WR Elvis Akpla for a 7-yard TD. On the very next play, Griz QB Jordan Johnson hit Jabin Sambrano for a 79-yard score and the Cats never recovered. Adding to this game’s mystique is the fact that, technically, it doesn’t count. Due to an NCAA investigation that concluded several Grizzly players received illegal benefits from boosters, this game, along with four Grizzly victories, were vacated.



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# Athlete Profile: Deonte Flowers

DAVIS CONNELLEY

Though his is the latest name on a long list of standout Bobcat defenders, senior cornerback Deonte Flowers certainly is an outlier. For one thing, he didn't even start playing tackle football until high school. "Where I grew up, Pop Warner was the the only way to play tackle football as a kid. We didn't have the money to play football, so I was always out playing basketball instead," Flowers explained.

This season, the senior has 42 tackles, nine pass breakups and one interception. Flowers commands such respect that most opposing quarterbacks don't even look his way and try their luck.

The San Diego native grew up in a single parent home. "She did a great job raising me and my siblings," he said of his mother Yolanda. She was there this past weekend for her son's Senior Day against Idaho State. Flowers also credits his mom for his deep faith.

"It's why I play; it's my faith. Brandon Marshall [wide receiver for the Chicago Bears] always says, 'Football isn't who I am, it's just what I do.' That's how I feel. I love the game and I love playing, but really its all about my faith. That's what motivates me."

Flowers, despite being one of the Big

Sky Conference's premier cornerbacks, has no aspirations to try his luck in the NFL. "I know it sounds crazy," he said. "In today's society, it's definitely something of an anomaly. I was talking about it with my mom and sister and I just don't really want to do that."

Flowers is looking forward to pursuing his other passion after graduation: youth ministry. "One thing people don't know about me as much is that I want to be a minister. I love playing the game, but I'm looking forward to going a different direction in the future."

However, that's not to say that Flowers is ready to give up football quite yet. "We've got a lot of football left . . . My favorite part of all

of this has been being around the guys and building an awesome relationship. They're your brothers," Flowers said of his teammates. "The coaches too, they're really genuine people. You don't see that everywhere. Here you're more than just a football player. Seeing guys like the strength and conditioning coach, Coach Wilcox, he genuinely cares about the guys on the team as people."

Flowers also sets himself apart academically. Flowers is majoring in mathematics with a concentration in education. Finding that balance between athletics and academics comes down to one word, Flowers says. "Discipline, it's all about discipline. You know that you've got to get it all done. Honestly, Friday and Saturday nights are when I get most of my homework done . . . It sounds kind of weird, but it's just something that has to get done."

With a huge showdown looming against the archrival Grizzlies on Nov. 22, Flowers is taking his last regular season game for the Bobcats in stride. "It's just another week. This game is most important because it's the next game. We just have to prepare like we have every other week and we'll be successful. That's what we've been doing and it has worked for us so far. We're not getting ahead of ourselves."



Senior defensive back, Deonte Flowers has 42 tackles this season and a cumulative 4.0 GPA.

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